Grant of citizenship to Nepalese

1587. SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to. state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister made a statement in Darjeeling in December, 1986 to the effect that the Nepalese who had come to India after 1950 would not be granted citizenship;

(b) if so, what are the details of the Statement;

(c) whether the Chief Minister of Sikkim has. been demanding citizenship for about 30,000 'stateless people in Sikkim; and

(d) if so, whether Government have taken any concrete decision in regard to parts (a) and (c) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a), (b) and (d) Yes, Sir. It was stated that the demand for citizenship of Nepalese who entered India after the treaty would not be entertained. In view of the Indo-Nepal Treaty of 1950 there is no restriction either for Nepalese or Indians visiting either country living and carrying on their professions in each other's country.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A central Team consisting of Senior officers visited Gangtok in January, 1987 and disclosed with the Chief Minister, Sikkim, various aspects of the problem relating to stateless citizens in Sikkim.

Pak association with miltant sikh organisations- in Canada

1588. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA; SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain ethnic organisations having predominant membership of Pakistanis are actively associated with the militant organisations like ISYF which are engaged in anti-India activities in Canada;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Government are aware of reports indicating contacts between individuals belonging to such organisations.

(c) Government are alert to activities of organistations based abroad which are directed against India.

Coalmine accidents

1589. SHRI SHARAD YADAV; SHRI J.P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what is the rise in percentage of accidents in coal mines and the number of persons killed/injured in each such accidents during the year 1986 and how does it compare with the accidents that occurred during 1984 and 1985;

(b) what is the total amount of compensation paid to the families of the victims during 1986 as compared to the amount paid during 1984 and 1985; and

(c) what are the major causes for the rise in coal mine accidents and what measures have been taken by Government to prevent such mishaps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) In comparison to the number of accidents which occurred in coal mines during the year 1984, there has been a decrease of 2.25 per cent in the year 1986. But as compared to the number of accidents which took place in 1985, there has been an increase of 11.98 per cent in the year 1986. ln these accidents, there has been- an increase of .007 per cent in the death rates per thousand Worked-during 1986 as compared to 1984 and an increase of .003 percent as compared to 1985. The injury rates per thousand worker show an increase of .011 per cent